

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Extraordinary Efforts to Keep the People in the Dark.

No Inkling of the Situation in Hawaii
Given by the Corwin's Captain or
Secretary Gresham.

BUSTLE AT MARE ISLAND

Many Messages Between Wash- ington and the Navy Yard.

The Report that Willis Asked Dole to

Resign Confirmed—Views of Senators and Representatives.

VALLEJO, Cal., Jan. 6.—From early

dawn this morning until this evening excitement and anxiety reigned supreme at Mare Island navy yard. During the entire day orderlies and messengers were hurrying to and fro from the headquarters of the various departments conveying orders and communications, while the officers stood

in groups seriously discussing the mysterious advent of the United States ship Thomas Corwin. During the day several important messages were received from Washington by Captain Glass, acting commandant. One of the dispatches received

was in effect and unusually lengthy. Heads and chiefs of departments received telegrams during the day, as did also Commander C. E. Clark, of the Mohican. On the various ships about the navy yard, and along side the quay wall sailors and workmen were on a rush, evidently

ing unusual activity, while the executive officers and foremen were impatient lest some detail be forgotten or overlooked. Early this morning orders were given that steam be got up on the Mohican and the fires banked. Other orders were

given at the same time and in a few moments the Mohican's rigging was alive with the fleet-footed blue jackets, who flew about the maze of ropes in response to the pippings of the boatswain's whistle. By noon everything was in readiness.

viewed and said that if the Mohican was needed to go to the islands she could sail in ten minutes. Said the executive officer: "We are provisioned for one year and a half, and have an ample supply of coal in the bunkers to reach the islands. As the

The Mohican could by a little "crowding" give passage to 150, which, with her own crew, would make the fighting force 275.

men. Other officers were interviewed regarding the reticence of the State and Navy departments in not making known the situation in Hawaii, and it was generally interpreted that the Secretaries' reticence was due to the fact that the situation was so

serious. Mr. Graham dared not give out any news until he had conferred with the President. During the night he positively learned that trouble was imminent and that Admiral Irwin had so reported to the Corwin, suggesting that if it was the policy of the administration to restore

The only information yet obtained from

the Corwin is one sentence shouted to-day from the deck of the revenue cutter by an incautious sailor. That sentence was: "There is serious trouble in Honolulu." Before the sailor had a chance to say any more he was gruffly ordered away from the

hail by the officer. The cutter has not moved from the anchorage off San Quentin, which is fifteen miles from this city and twenty miles from Mare island. Captain Munger still positively refuses to allow any one aboard, and declines to give any information whatever, notwithstanding the repeated efforts which have been made to communicate with the vessel. The quaran-

line boat made an effort to approach the Corwin early this morning, but was warned to keep away. It is reported that the Corwin left Honolulu Dec. 26, but nothing definite is known regarding this. Last night several messages were received at Vallejo from Washington, each addressed to Commander C. E. Clark, and bore the medical admonition, "Rush." These dis-

patches were immediately sent over to the navy yard and delivered half an hour later. Commander Clark's cutter was called away and Lieutenant Waden, executive of the Mohican, was hurried ashore, proceeding direct to the telegraph office, where he deposited several dispatches which were immediately rushed to their destination.

preparation were at once made to load nearly one hundred tons of coal on the ship's deck. This information is reliable. It is thought that the dispatches were in response to those brought by the Corwin.

All day the Corwin has been watched by reporters and attempts to board her or to hold conversation with those on board have been absolutely futile. With the soldiers

Early exception of the officer who landed yesterday with dispatches not a soul has left the ship up to the present time, nor has any one from shore communicated with her. About 11 o'clock this morning steam was gotten up, but anchor was not weighed, and up to the time darkness shut the Corwin from sight there were no signs of her moving. The Mohican did not come

Not Going to Honolulu.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The department officers here were most explicit this afternoon in their denials of reports that the Mohican will be ordered to Honolulu at

most immediately. Naval authorities claim there has been no thought of sending the Mohican to Hawaii as a dispatch boat. It is, of course, possible that there has been a change of plans decided on, and that the Mohican may slip away for a quick trip to

partment's denial by the fact that absolutely no gain of time would result from employing the Mohican as a messenger. She is one of the slow vessels of the navy, and would take so long to make the trip that it is extremely probable she would be

extreme" protest. The steamer is scheduled to be dispatched to Honolulu by the Mariposa, the regular steamer which sails from San Francisco Thursday next and makes the run regularly in twelve days. It has been the policy of the Navy Department for some weeks past to get the greatest possible number of its vessels away from the Navy yard and the Mohican may be ordered away

partly to ease its officers and crew of what has come to be known as "the navy yard rabbit." There is a possibility also that a fear may be entertained of trouble in Central America. The Mohican would not be an important addition to the naval force at Honolulu. The only effective service likely to be demanded of her might be to relieve the Adams and allow that ship

to return to San Francisco. The next steamer from Honolulu is due in San Francisco on Tuesday.

THE NEWS CONFIRMED.

WILKS Did Ask the Provisional Government to Resign.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Great reliance is shown in government circles concerning the advices from Honolulu received by the Corwin. It was learned, however, from official sources that the dispatches practically confirm everything stated in the dispatch received by the Navy.

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